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Re: U. S. Patent Application No. 10/067,076 entitled "GENETIC MARKERS FOR AUTOIMMUNE DISORDER" by Carol A. Wise
Our Ref: TEX871/4-006US/36000

Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

1. Response to Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
2. Inventor's Declaration;
3. Sequence listing (paper copy and computer readable form copy);
4. Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) and (g)
5. Copy of postcard receipt of Sequence Listing filed on February 4, 2002;
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Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of:
Carol A. Wise

Serial No.: 10/067,076

Filed: February 4, 2002

For: GENETIC MARKERS FOR
AUTOIMMUNE DISORDER

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RESPONSE TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) NOTICE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) mailed November 5, 2002 (the "Notice"), Assignee asserts that it is entitled to Small Entity Status by virtue of being a non-profit organization. Also in response to the Notice, there are enclosed herewith:

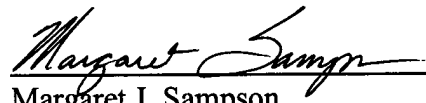
- (a) Declaration executed on behalf of Carol A. Wise;
- (b) Computer readable form copy of the Sequence Listing and a paper copy of the Sequence Listing;

- (c) Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) and (g);
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- (f) A copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted.

Please issue a withdrawal notice regarding the Assistant Commissioner's demand for an Amendment directing entry of the Sequence Listing into this application. The paper copy and computer readable form copy of the Sequence Listing along with a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) and (g) were filed on February 4, 2002, as verified by the enclosed copy of the postcard receipt of such.

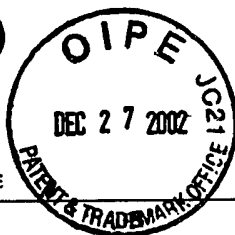
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

For questions regarding compliance to these requirements, please contact:

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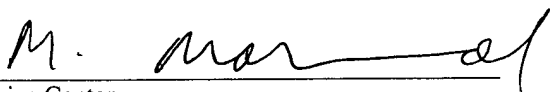
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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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